

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

JUNE 25, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Bill Williams, Vice Chairman Jerry Barnes, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Billy E. Traylor and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy J. McFarland, Clerk Executive Administrator Towan Kopinsky, Clerk Becky Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, County Probation Officer Tim Mims, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Emergency Management/911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter, G.I.S. Director Larry Davis, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Shane McGuffin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Maintenance Superintendent Steve Mork, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Gerald Shearer, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, T.D.C. Director Paula Pickett, Union Steward Doug Kelly, Veterans' Service Officer James Kennedy and Sheriff's Office Deputy Howell Batts.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m., E.T.

2007-08 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chairman Williams discussed that the State Legislature is requiring Gulf County to adopt a 2007-08 budget that is 9% less than the current 2006-07 budget. He stated that this is the first year of a 3-year Tax Reform Bill that was adopted. Chief Administrator Butler then discussed that a budget committee comprised of County and Clerk employees has been working on proposals for the Board's consideration for budget reductions and revenue increases, and gave a video presentation of the mandatory increases, proposed reductions, and proposed revenue and/or assessment options.

Following the presentation, Chief Administrator Butler discussed that, with these reductions, 16 employees will lose their jobs. The Board members then discussed these issues as follows.

Commissioner Traylor thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication in preparing this information, and stated that this is just the beginning because the bill is for a 3-year cycle. He discussed a letter that he submitted to Representative Patronis regarding this legislation, and stated that he wants to save jobs. He also discussed that he is greatly opposed to having to discontinue funding for the Senior Citizens and Gulf County Transportation because many elderly people and Veterans depend on these services.

Commissioner Peters discussed the required 9% reduction, stating that Gulf County did not deserve this. He also discussed the various additional revenue options, stating the County needs to implement as many of these as possible to save jobs and funding for the Senior Citizens and Gulf County Transportation. Commissioner Peters then motioned to freeze all unnecessary spending for 2006-07 (equipment, etc.), and Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chief Administrator Butler stated that each department should estimate how much money they can save and provide the information to Clerk Finance Officer Hand, to allow her to

calculate Cash to be Carried Forward. The motion then passed unanimously.

Commissioner Barnes also thanked the committee and stated that he agrees with the other Commissioners and will do whatever is necessary to save jobs.

Commissioner McLemore also agreed with the other Commissioners, and he thanked the committee members for their hard work. He further requested that the Board not rush this process.

Chairman Williams discussed that the Board should set priorities, determine core services, and get the assessment/additional revenue options in place. He also discussed additional legislation that will take place in January regarding homestead exemption, which will also detrimentally affect the County's budget.

After further discussion by members of the Board and Chief Administrator Butler, the Board agreed to proceed by going through the list compiled by the committee and deciding on each issue.

The meeting did then recess at 9:20 a.m., E.T.

The meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m., E.T.

COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Richard Stewart, of Judicial Corrections Services, Inc., appeared before the Board to discuss that their company provides probation services, and they charge only what is collected in probation fees (no additional charges for space, supplies, etc.). He discussed that the Board currently budgets \$106,094.00 for the Probation Department and this amount could be reduced from the County budget. He further discussed that they would also consider hiring Probation Officer Tim Mims to work for their company. Mr. Stewart discussed other Counties for which they provide this service, stating that they have a very high successful termination rate, and that there has also been increased fine collections.

After further discussion, County Probation Officer Mims appeared before the Board and thanked them for working with him, and stating that he appreciates having an alternate job opportunity. Upon inquiry, County Attorney McFarland recommended that the Board accept bids for this service. Upon further inquiry regarding the contract, Mr. Stewart stated that the normal contract has a 30-day termination policy. Commissioner Peters motioned to advertise to receive sealed bids for County Probation Services. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Upchurch appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed reductions, stating that he will work with it as best he can. He further stated that some of his cuts will be in communications and dispatch services. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams regarding the Wewahitchka Sub-Station, Sheriff Upchurch stated that he does not want to lose that location, but if he must then he will need for the Board to provide him a space in the Wewahitchka Courthouse for a sub-station. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Barnes, Sheriff Upchurch stated that he receives funding from the City of Port St. Joe and the City of Wewahitchka. The Board tabled this budget.

CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Norris thanked the Board for allowing Clerk Finance Officer Hand to be a part of the committee. She stated that she understands the reductions are necessary, but there will be impacts to services as well (overtime, etc.).

2007-08 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chief Administrator Butler discussed cuts to every department, stating that for every \$35,000.00 the Board adds to the budget, one job will be lost. Upon discussion about a different option than having to reduce the budget by 9%, County Attorney McFarland stated that there is a different option that the Board can pass by Super Majority, but they would forfeit their One-Half Cent Sales Tax Revenue for a one-year period.

Upon discussion regarding the various user fees and assessments that could be put into place, Chief Administrator Butler stated that the additional gas tax and sales tax options must be in place by July 1st in order for the collections to begin January 1st.

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the possibility of cutting back to 4 days per week (Courthouse and County Departments), stating that this must be approved by the Union. Union Steward Kelly reported that he will be talking with the Union Representative today.

Commissioner McLemore then motioned to begin the process to implement all assessments / additional revenue items as presented, and Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, Commissioner Traylor withdrew his second, and Commissioner Peters seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion that they need to look at these assessments/revenues individually, Commissioner Peters withdrew his second and Commissioner McLemore withdrew the motion. Commissioner Peters then motioned for County Attorney McFarland to prepare the necessary documents for the items that must be in place by July 1st. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

The Board then addressed the recommendations regarding outside agencies (reductions from 2006-07 budget), as follows.

#27152-31000 Chamber of Commerce (-\$19,840.00 / Balance -0-)

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this reduction for Gulf County Chamber of Commerce.

#27152-49000 E.D.C. (-\$50,000.00 / Balance -0-)

The Board tabled the budget reduction for Gulf County E.D.C.

#42562-81000 Health Department (-\$124,573.00 / Balance -0-)

The Board tabled the budget reduction for the Gulf County Health Department.

#43262-82000 Humane Society (-\$7,425.00 / Balance -0-)

The Board tabled the budget reduction for the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

#27954-82000 Affordable Housing (-\$10,000.00 / Balance -0-)

The Board tabled the budget reduction for Affordable Housing.

#51462-82000 Bay Cares (-\$2,822.00 / Balance -0-)

The Board tabled the budget reduction for BayCares.

#51363-34900 Bay Council on Aging (-\$5,000.00 / Balance -0-)

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this reduction for Bay County Council on Aging.

#51363-34500 Senior Citizens (-\$59,400.00 / Balance -0-)

The Board tabled the budget reduction for Gulf County Senior Citizens.

#51363-34200 A.R.C. (-\$10,501.00 / Balance -0-)

#51363-34901 Gulf Transportation (-\$27,720.00 / Balance -0-)

The Board tabled the budgets reductions for Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens and Gulf County Transportation.

#21174-83000 Special Events (-\$2,475.00 / Balance -0-)

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this reduction for Special Events (Fireworks for each City/Project Graduation for each High School).

#51363-34100 Guidance Clinic (-\$6,863.00 / Balance -0-)

Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this reduction for the Gulf County Guidance Clinic.

County Attorney McFarland discussed that the above budgets are items that are not mandated expenditures for the Board. He stated that the committee's recommendation is to budget what must be paid first, then address the items that are optional.

CORE SERVICES / GRANTS

Upon discussion regarding the committee's list of Core Services and Grants, the Board agreed to address these issues later in the meeting.

POLICY CHANGES / BUDGET REDUCTION ISSUES

The Board then addressed the following recommended policy changes that would create budget reductions.

1. Reduce the number of personnel with cell phones.

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to limit cell phones to only what is absolutely necessary.

2. Eliminate all out-of-county travel, except those required for certifications.

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the recommendation to eliminate out-of-county travel.

3. Contract out all possible services (i.e. - County Probation).

Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the recommendation to contract out Probation services.

4. Reduce/eliminate aid to outside agencies.

The Board agreed to table the recommendation to eliminate aid to outside agencies.

5. Do not purchase any more County shirts, jackets or hats.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the recommendation not to purchase County clothing.

6. Reduce the amount paid toward or eliminate the County uniforms.

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to eliminate the County's contribution toward employee uniforms.

7. Decide that the Board will not be able to meet the Model Jail Standards.

Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the recommendation not to budget the funds necessary to meet Model Jail Standards.

8. Adopt an ordinance to establish penalties for illegal dumping.

The Board tabled the recommendation to adopt an ordinance regarding illegal dumping.

9. Close the landfills one day per week.

The Board tabled the recommendation to close the landfills one day per week.

10. Freeze current 2006-07 budgets in order to maintain and/or create Cash to be Carried Forward.

The Board approved this recommendation earlier in this meeting.

11. Cut Special Projects funds.

Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the recommendation to eliminate Special Projects funds, and Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. After discussion, Commissioner Barnes withdrew his second and Commissioner McLemore withdrew his motion. The Board tabled this recommendation.

12. Close all parks at sundown (to eliminate use of electricity).

The Board tabled the recommendation to close all County parks at sundown.

13. Recommend to the Supervisor of Elections that the number of voting precincts be reduced.

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to recommend to/negotiate with the Supervisor of Elections on decreasing the number of voting precincts.

14. Reduce the number of telephone lines in each department.

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the recommendation to reduce the number of telephone lines in each department. Upon discussion by Supervisor of Elections Griffin regarding the f/x lines (direct lines to Wewahitchka), the Board agreed not to change these at this time.

MANDATORY BUDGET INCREASES

The Board then addressed the following mandatory budget increases over the 2006-07 fiscal year budget.

#21111-11000	BCC Salaries	+\$19,312.00
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Chief Administrator Butler discussed that this is State-Mandated. Chairman Williams discussed that he does not agree with accepting a salary increase, when employees are being laid off.

#21314-31000	County Attorney	+\$12,983.00
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Chief Administrator Butler discussed that this increase includes a transfer of Professional Litigation Services (\$15,000.00) to this line item, and the deduction of Travel, Vacation and Dues from his budget (no increase for the County Attorney). County Attorney McFarland discussed that he is currently exceeding the amount budgeted due to the excessive number of lawsuits that have been filed for and against the County. <Commissioner Traylor left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.> Commissioner Barnes motioned to approve this amount as recommended, and Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. <Commissioner Traylor returned to the meeting at 10:47 a.m.> The motion then passed unanimously.

#22652-83000	Downtown Redevelopment Agency	+\$24,303.00
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Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the Downtown Redevelopment Agency budget is based on the Certification of Valuation from the Property Appraiser, and this amount could change.

#25219-43000	Utilities	+\$14,010.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this increase for Utilities.

#27019-34000	Apalachee Regional Planning Council	+\$450.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this increase for A.R.P.C.

#39927-31000	Medical Examiner	+\$1,780.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this increase for Medical Examiner services.

#51462-31500	Health Care (H.C.R.A.)	+\$5,229.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this increase for indigent Health Care Responsibility Act services.

#52264-34100	Welfare-Medicaid	+\$22,350.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this increase for Medicaid services.

#55151-82000	Opportunity Florida	+\$148.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this increase for Opportunity Florida.

#60002	State Attorney	+\$1,839.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this increase for the State Attorney.

#60003	Public Defender	+\$770.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this increase for the Public Defender.

#63337	Soil Conservation	+\$923.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this increase for Soil Conservation.

#99984-96000	Cash to be Carried Forward	+18,000.00
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The Board tabled the C.C.F. line item.

#31123	Detention Facility	+\$517,455.00
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The Board tabled the Jail budget.

RECOMMENDED BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Chief Administrator Butler then presented the following committee recommendations for reducing the budget.

#210--	Special Projects	-\$49,350.00
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The Board tabled the Special Projects budget.

#21111-31100	BCC Professional Engineering Services	-\$61,500.00
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After discussion and upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced the Engineer line item by \$51,500.00 (Balance - \$10,000.00).

#21111-31200	BCC Professional Litigation Services	-\$15,000.00
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Chief Administrator Butler reported that the \$15,000.00 for Professional Litigation Services was transferred to the County Attorney budget.

#21112	Administrator - Reduce 1 Employee, Travel & Cell Phones	-\$49,610.00
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The Board tabled the County Administrator budget.

#21174-83000	Special Events	-\$2,475.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Special Events as recommended (Balance -0-).

#22313	Grants	-\$13,849.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board denied this reduction and agreed to fund the Grant Administration budget in the same amount as 2006-07 (Balance - \$92,328.00).

#22513	Risk Management	-\$21,772.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Risk Management as recommended (Balance - \$83,002.00).

#24523	Work Crews	-\$27,935.00
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The Board tabled the Work Crews budget.

#24721	Safety	-\$15,509.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced the Safety budget as recommended (Balance - \$36,968.00).

#24852	Industrial Park	-\$6,682.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Industrial Park as recommended (Balance -0-).

#26019	Maintenance - Reduce 2 Employees	-\$65,778.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Maintenance - County Courthouse as recommended (Balance - \$665,085.00).

#26119	Maintenance - Wewahitchka	-\$5,181.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Maintenance - Wewa County Building as recommended (Balance - \$52,386.00).

#26219	County Courthouse	-\$101,223.00
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After discussion and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced the County Courthouse budget by 50% of the recommendation (-\$50,612.00 * Balance - \$510,611.00).

#26937-31000	Wetland Protection	-\$668.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Wetland Protection as recommended (Balance - \$6,757.00).

#27015	County Planning	-\$2,365.00
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The Board tabled the County Planning budget.

#27615	G.I.S. - Reduce 1 Employee	-\$91,732.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced G.I.S. Mapping as recommended (Balance - \$82,310.00).

#29153	Veterans' Service Office	-\$6,152.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced the Veterans' Service Office budget as recommended (Balance - \$62,200.00).

#31822	Wetappo Fire Department (G.F.)	-\$1,091.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Wetappo Fire Department as recommended (Balance - \$11,036.00).

#H2722	Howard Creek Fire Department (G.F.)	-\$8,955.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Howard Creek Fire Department as recommended (Balance -0).

#33122-24000	Fire Departments (G.F. - w/c insurance transfer)	-\$32,000.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Fire Departments as recommended (Balance - \$5,485.00).

#B3424	Building Department - Reduce 2 Employees	-\$85,000.00
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After discussion that the County will no longer provide Building Inspection Services for the Cities, and upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced the Building Department as recommended (Balance - \$292,178.00).

#33022-34000	Physical Environment	-\$396.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Physical Environment as recommended (Balance - \$9,080.00).

#34515	Planning	-\$18,592.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced the Planning Department as recommended (Balance - \$187,988.00).

#39126	Search & Rescue	-\$937.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Search & Rescue (P.S.J.) as recommended (Balance - \$9,470.00).

#39125	Emergency Management	-\$8,521.00
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After discussion that any further reduction in this budget will affect the grant funds, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Emergency Management as recommended (Balance - \$214,645.00).

#39226	E.S.U. (Jaws-of-Life)	-\$2,330.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Emergency Services Unit as recommended (Balance - \$23,558.00).

#42262	Mosquito Control	-\$37,219.00
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The Board tabled the Mosquito Control budget.

#42834	Public Works - Reduce 2 Employees	-\$246,278.00
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The Board tabled the Public Works budget.

#43062	Animal Control - Reduce 1 Employee	-\$35,000.00
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The Board tabled the Animal Control budget.

#43334	Landfill Permitting	-\$51,876.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Landfill Permitting as recommended (Balance -0-).

#41041	Road Department - Reduce 2 Employees	-\$180,738.00
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The Board tabled the Road Department budget.

#51526	Wewa E.M.S.	-\$33,507.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Wewahitchka Ambulance as recommended (Balance - \$338,793.00).

#51626	E.M.S. (P.S.J.)	-\$82,500.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Gulf County E.M.S. as recommended (Balance - \$833,872.00).

#52564	Commodity Program	-\$998.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced Commodity Program as recommended (Balance - \$10,090.00).

#57072	Park & Recreation Facilities	-\$238,651.00
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The Board tabled the Park & Recreation Facilities budget.

#57172	Parks & Recreation	-\$312,994.00
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The Board tabled the Parks & Recreation budget.

#60023	General Court Administration	-\$922.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced General Court Administration as recommended (Balance - \$20,458.00).

#62271-34100	Library	-\$11,376.00
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The Board tabled the Library budget.

#63237	Extension Service	-\$10,205.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced the Extension Service as recommended (Balance - \$103,185.00).

#63421-49000	Sheriff's Auxiliary	-\$950.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced the Sheriff's Auxiliary as recommended (Balance - \$4,000.00).

#99984-95000	Reserves	-\$101,756.00
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The Board tabled the Reserve for Contingencies budget.

#72033	Probation	-\$70,000.00
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Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board reduced the County Probation Department as recommended (Balance - \$36,984.00).

The meeting did then recess at 11:38 a.m., E.T.

The meeting reconvened at 1:08 p.m., E.T.

CLERK OF COURT

Upon discussion and inquiry by Commissioner Peters, Chief Administrator Butler stated he could meet with Clerk Norris to discuss areas that could be cut in her office. Clerk Norris stated that the Clerk is required by law to keep the Board's minutes, bookkeeping and budget, but by losing a position, she may be unable to continue to prepare agendas, information packets, advertising, bids, etc. She further discussed that meetings held after 5:00 p.m. creates overtime that she must pay. Commissioner McLemore discussed that everyone needs to work together next fiscal year. Commissioner Traylor discussed that Chief Administrator Butler's assistant could be kept to prepare the agendas and do the other jobs that are not a statutory requirement that are now being done by the Clerk's Office. The Board agreed to table this budget to allow Chief Administrator Butler and Clerk Norris to meet together regarding this issue.

2007-08 BUDGET

Upon inquiry, Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Board reduced \$632,100.00 of the \$1,959,850.00 needed to be cut. After discussion regarding additional reductions to outside agencies, Commissioner Traylor discussed the Super Majority vote option, stating the County would lose their State Sales Tax revenue. The Board then agreed to recess the meeting to contact State Representative Patronis regarding this matter.

The meeting did then recess at 1:34 p.m., E.T.

The meeting reconvened at 2:24 p.m., E.T.

2007-08 BUDGET

Chairman Williams discussed his telephone conversation with State Representative Patronis regarding the Tax Reform Bill and the County's option regarding the Super-Majority / Unanimous vote opt-out. He stated that the Board can remain at the current rolled-back rate by a Super Majority vote and they can exceed the rolled-back rate by Unanimous vote. Chairman Williams stated that Representative Patronis feels that if the Board ignores the legislation, he would be unable to assist them in other areas. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the plan is for all departments to submit a budget of at least 9% less than the 2006-07 budget to the Clerk's Office for preparation of the budget packets (the Board could then reduce/increase as necessary). Clerk Norris stated that they will need the information by July 5th to have time to prepare the packets. Chief Administrator Butler also discussed that the Property Appraiser will submit the certification to the Clerk by July 1st.

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETINGS

The Board then cancelled the special budget meetings set for June 26th & 27th to allow the committee to re-work the proposal with the changes made by the Board today, and scheduled a special budget meeting for June 28, 2007 at 1:00 p.m., E.T.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Chief Administrator Butler also discussed potential unemployment costs, stating there is nothing budgeted for this expense.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 2:34 p.m., E.T.

**BILL WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**